

History of Minnesota Redistricting

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Legislature

	Senate		House
		<i>1850 Census</i>	
Gen. Laws 1860, ch. 73	21		42
		<i>1860 Census</i>	
Gen. Laws 1866, ch. 4	22		47
		<i>1870 Census</i>	
Gen. Laws 1871, ch. 20	41		106
		<i>1880 Census</i>	
Gen. Laws 1881, ch. 128	47		103
Gen. Laws 1889, ch. 2	54		114
		<i>1890 Census</i>	
Laws 1897, ch. 120	63		119
		<i>1900 Census</i>	
		<i>1910 Census</i>	
Laws 1913, ch. 91	67		130
		<i>1920 Census</i>	
		<i>1930 Census</i>	

Census

1971 regular session

H.F. No. 2531

Introduced 4/15/71 1971 House Journal 1363

Passed House 4/26/71 1971 House Journal 1824

Referred to Senate committee 4/27/71 1971 Senate Journal 1608

1971 extra session

H.F. No. 76

Introduced 6/2/71 1971 E.S. House Journal 51

Sent to Governor Wendell Anderson 10/29/71 1971 E.S. Senate Journal 607

House adjourned *sine die* 10/30/71 1971 E.S. House Journal 698

Pocket vetoed 11/1/71 1971 E.S. House Journal 702

Plan declared invalid - *Beens v. Erdahl*, No. 4-71-Civil 151 (D. Minn. Nov. 15, 1971)

	Senate	House
Court plan 1	35	105

Beens v. Erdahl, 336 F.Supp. 715 (D. Minn. Jan. 25, 1972) *rev'd sub nom. Sixty-Seventh Minnesota State Senate v. Beens*, [406 U.S. 187](#) (Apr. 29, 1972)

	Senate	House
Court plan 2	67	134

Beens v. Erdahl, 349 F.Supp. 97 (D. Minn. June 2, 1972)

1980
Census

1982 regular session

S.F. No. 1552

Introduced	1/21/82	1982 Senate Journal 3163
Passed Senate	1/28/82	1982 Senate Journal 3242
Referred to House committee	1/28/82	1982 House Journal 5144

Court plan - *LaComb v. Growe*, 541 F. Supp. 160 (D. Minn. Mar. 11, 1982)

[Laws 1983, ch. 191](#) - court plan enacted, with adjustments

1990
Census

	Senate	House
Laws 1991, ch. 246	67	134
Vetoed	5/28/91	1991 Senate Journal 5544
Filed with Secretary of State	6/7/91	1991 Senate Journal 5566

Procedure set to challenge governor's late vetoes - *Seventy-Seventh Minnesota State Senate v. Carlson*, [472 N.W.2d 99](#) (Minn. June 20, 1991)

Governor's veto of redistricting law was invalid - *Seventy-Seventh Minnesota State Senate v. Carlson*, [No. C3-91-7547](#) (Dist. Ct., Ramsey Co., Aug. 2, 1991)

State court proceedings enjoined - *Emison v. Growe*, No. 4-91-202 (D. Minn. Dec. 5, 1991)

Chapter 246 construed and corrected, subject to injunction - *Cotlow v. Growe*, [No. C8-91-985](#) (Minn. Spec. Redis. Panel, Dec. 9, 1991)

Laws 1992, ch. 358 (correcting Laws 1991, ch. 246)

Vetoed	1/10/92	1992 Senate Journal 5616
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Injunction vacated - *Cotlow v. Emison*, 502 U.S. 1022 (Jan. 10, 1992) (mem.)

Legislative plan rejected, court's plan adopted - *Emison v. Growe*, [782 F. Supp. 427](#) (D. Minn. Feb. 19, 1992)

Federal court's order on legislative plan stayed pending appeal - *Growe v. Emison*, 112 S.Ct

1461 (Mar. 11, 1992) (Blackmun, J., in chambers)

Federal court's order reversed - *Grove v. Emison*, [507 U.S. 25](#) (Feb. 23, 1993)

[Laws 1994, ch. 612](#) (correcting legislative districts)

[Laws 1997, ch. 44](#) (portions of Moorhead Township annexed by City of Dilworth moved from district 9A to district 9B)

*2000
Census*

Motion to appoint three-judge special redistricting panel granted and stayed - *Cotlow v. Grove*, [No. C0-01-160](#), 622 N.W.2d 561 (Minn. Mar. 2, 2001)

	Senate	House
S.F. No. 2377	67	134
Introduced	5/11/2001	2001 Senate Journal 2896
Passed Senate	5/18/2001	2001 Senate Journal 3755
Passed House	5/19/2001	2001 House Journal 5232
Conferees appointed	5/21/2001	2001 House Journal 5440
Five-judge special redistricting panel appointed - <i>Zachman v. Kiffmeyer</i> , No. C0-01-160 , 629 N.W.2d 98 (Minn. July 12, 2001)		
Returned to conference committee	2/4/2002	2002 Senate Journal 4070
Legislative plan adopted - <i>Zachman v. Kiffmeyer</i> , No. C0-01-160 (Minn. Spec. Redis. Panel Mar. 19, 2002)		

[Laws 2003, 1st Sp. Sess. ch. 16](#), § 13 (adjusting boundary between House districts 45A and 45B)

[Laws 2004, ch. 170](#) (adjusting boundary between House districts 41A and 41B)

Congress

	<i>1860</i>
	<i>Census</i>
Gen. Laws 1862, ch. 64	2 seats
	<i>1870</i>
	<i>Census</i>
Gen. Laws 1872, ch. 21	3 seats
	<i>1880</i>
	<i>Census</i>
	<i>1890</i>
	<i>Census</i>
Gen. Laws 1891, ch. 3	7 seats
	<i>1900</i>
	<i>Census</i>
Laws 1901, ch. 92	9 seats
	<i>1910</i>
	<i>Census</i>
Laws 1913, ch. 513	10 seats
	<i>1920</i>
	<i>Census</i>
	<i>1930</i>
	<i>Census</i>
Laws 1931, page 640 - H.F. No. 1456	9 seats
Vetoed	
Veto invalid - <i>State ex rel. Smiley v. Holm</i> , 184 Minn. 228, 238 N.W. 494 (1931)	
State court reversed, law nullified - <i>Smiley v. Holm</i> , 285 U.S. 355 (Apr. 11, 1932)	
1932 election - 9 seats elected at large	
Laws 1933, ch. 185	9 seats

1940
Census

1950
Census

1960
Census

Laws 1961, 2nd Ex. Sess.
ch. 2

8 seats

1970
Census

Laws 1971, ch. 897

8 seats

1980
Census

1981 regular session

H.F. No. 1478

8 seats

Introduced

5/7/81

1981 House Journal 2766

1972 plan declared invalid - *LaComb v. Growe*, Civ. No. 4-81-414 (D. Minn. Sept. 15, 1981)

1982 regular session

H.F. No. 1478

8 seats

Passed House

1/21/82

1982 House Journal 5057

Passed Senate

1/27/82

1982 Senate Journal 3239

Motion for conferees

1/28/82

1982 House Journal 5144

Court plan - *LaComb v. Growe*, 541 F.Supp. 145 (D. Minn. Mar. 11, 1982) *aff'd sub nom. Orwoll v. LaComb*, 456 U.S. 966 (1982)

Challenge to court plan as gerrymander rejected as too late in decade - *Emison v. Growe*, No. Civ. 3-90-87 (D. Minn. Apr. 9, 1990)

1990
Census

State court proceedings enjoined - *Emison v. Growe*, No. 4-91-202 (D. Minn. Dec. 5, 1991)

Laws 1992, ch. 357

8 seats

Vetoed 1/10/92 1992 Senate Journal 5618

Injunction vacated - *Cotlow v. Emison*, 502 U.S. 1022 (Jan. 10, 1992) (mem.)

Congressional plan adopted, state enjoined from implementing state court's congressional plan - *Emison v. Growe*, 782 F. Supp. 427 (D. Minn., Feb. 19, 1992)

Congressional plan adopted, subject to federal court's injunction - *Cotlow v. Growe*, No. C8-91-985 (Minn. Spec. Redis. Panel, Apr. 15, 1992)

Federal court's order reversed - *Growe v. Emison*, 507 U.S. 25 (Feb. 23, 1993)

Laws 1994, ch. 406 (state court plan enacted) 8 seats

2000
Census

Motion to appoint three-judge special redistricting panel granted and stayed - *Cotlow v. Growe*, No. C0-01-160, 622 N.W.2d 561 (Minn. Mar. 2, 2001)

S.F. No. 2377 8 seats

Introduced 5/11/2001 2001 Senate Journal 2896

Passed Senate 5/18/2001 2001 Senate Journal 3755

Passed House 5/19/2001 2001 House Journal 5232

Conferees appointed 5/21/2001 2001 House Journal 5440

Five-judge special redistricting panel appointed - *Zachman v. Kiffmeyer*, No. C0-01-160, 629 N.W.2d 98 (Minn. July 12, 2001)

Returned to conference committee 2/4/2002 2002 Senate Journal 4070

Congressional plan adopted - *Zachman v. Kiffmeyer*, No. C0-01-160 (Minn. Spec. Redis. Panel Mar. 19, 2002)

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